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REMARKS

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1. At about 6 a.m. on 31 March, a train with about 40 trucks and 6 AT guns left Gotha railroad station toward Ohrdruf. At about 1 p.m. the same day, a column of about 50 trucks carrying a total of about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia and towing 8 x 76.2-mm field guns and 6 x 85-mm AT guns moved from the direction of Gotha toward Ohrdruf.

25X1 The same column was identified at Ohrdruf troop training grounds at about 3 p.m., with the AT guns and field guns having been emplaced on a hill. On 1 April, soldiers bivouacked in tents behind the emplacements. At about 11 a.m. on 3 April, a column of 18 trucks occupied by about 200 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and towing 9 x 57-mm AT guns and 3 x 82-mm mortars moved toward Gotha from the direction of Ohrdruf.

25X1 2. At about 11 a.m. on 31 March, 2 T-34 tanks and 1 JS tank were entrained at Graslinkel railroad station.

25X1 **Comment:** **25X1** the troops were 25X1 units of the 57th Gds Mts Kirl Div engaged in exercises.